

## **Amendments to the Specification**

Please replace page 1, lines 2-7 in the Specification with the following rewritten paragraph:

This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) ~~USC §119(e)~~ to U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 60/264,360, filed on Jan. 26, 2001, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference. In addition, this application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) ~~USC 19(e)~~ to U.S. Patent Application Ser. No. 60/345,798 ~~patent application Ser. No. \_\_\_\_\_~~, filed on Jan. 2, 2002, entitled "Method and Apparatus for Network Management with Dependency Information" (~~Attorney Docket No. 00124/041P01~~), the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference.